

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on April 11, 2007,
upon adjournment of the full Senate, in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 797, 4/6/2007; HB 179, 4/6/2007
Executive Action: HB 179, HB 797

00:01:20

HEARING ON HB 797

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:00 **REP. DUANE ANKNEY (R), HD 43**, opened the hearing on **HB 797**, Provide for an early presidential primary.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:58 Jeff Garrard, Office of the Honorable Secretary of State Brad Johnson (SOS)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:20 Sen. Steve Gallus to Rep. Ankney

00:06:41 Sen. Jim Shockley to Mr. Garrard, SOS, rereferred to Elaine Graveley, Office of the Honorable Secretary of State Brad Johnson (SOS)

00:08:41 Sen. Joe Balyeat to Ms. Graveley, SOS

00:09:25 Sen. Balyeat to Rep. Ankney

00:10:27 Sen. Larry Jent to Rep. Ankney

00:13:15 Sen. Joe Tropila to Mark Simonich, Office of the Honorable Secretary of State Brad Johnson (SOS)

00:14:55 Sen. Shockley to Mr. Simonich, SOS

00:16:43 Sen. Dave Lewis to Mr. Simonich, SOS

00:18:31 Sen. Balyeat to Ms. Graveley, SOS

EXHIBIT(sts76a01)

00:19:35 Sen. Carolyn Squires to Mr. Simonich, SOS

00:22:49 Sen. Shockley to Mr. Simonich, SOS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:06 Rep. Ankney

HEARING ON HB 179

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:22 REP. JULIE FRENCH (D) , HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 179, Create Montana military family relief fund.

EXHIBIT(sts76a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:25 Adjutant General Randy Mosley, Department of Veterans Affairs, DVA

00:30:20 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Associations

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:56 Sen. Shockley to Adjutant General Mosley, DVA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:16 Rep. French

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 179

00:35:48 **Motion:** SEN. TROPILA moved that HB 179 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:36:01 Sen. Balyeat

00:37:21 Sen. Balyeat to Rep. French rereferred to Adjutant General Mosley, DVA

00:39:24 Sen. Shockley to Adjutant General Mosley, DVA

00:40:35 Sen. Steve Gallus

00:41:13 Sen. Gallus to Dave Bohyer, Research Director,
Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:41:43 Sen. Squires

00:41:52 Sen. Shockley

00:42:44 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella

00:43:35 Sen. Balyeat

00:44:32 Sen. Gallus

00:44:48 Sen. Squires

00:45:18 Sen. Lewis to Adjutant General Mosley, DVA

00:45:59 Sen. Squires to Adjutant General Mosley, DVA

00:49:06 **Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved to amend HB 179 with a
CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.**

00:50:14 **Substitute Motion: SEN. SHOCKLEY made a substitute
motion to amend HB 179 with a CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.**

Discussion:

00:51:16 Sen. Gallus

00:52:05 Sen. Rick Laible to Adjutant General Mosley, DVA

00:53:50 Sen. Laible to Rep. French

00:54:43 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Shockley

00:55:14 Sen. Balyeat

00:56:10 **Motion/Vote: SEN. SHOCKLEY'S CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT
failed unanimously by voice vote.**

00:56:32 **Motion/Vote: SEN. BALYEAT'S CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT
failed on a 6-5 voice vote with SEN. BALYEAT, SEN.
ESSMANN, SEN. LEWIS, SEN. SHOCKLEY and SEN. LAIBLE
voting no. SEN. GALLUS voted no by proxy.**

00:57:40 **Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that HB 179 BE
CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
SEN. GALLUS voted aye by proxy. SEN. J. TROPILA will
carry the bill.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 797

00:58:18 **Motion:** SEN. SHOCKLEY moved that HB 797 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:59:28 Sen. Jeff Essmann

01:00:36 Sen. Balyeat

01:02:12 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** SEN. LASLOVICH made a substitute motion that HB 797 BE TABLED. Substitute motion carried 5-4 by voice vote with SEN. JENT, SEN. LAIBLE, SEN. SQUIRES, and SEN. TROPILA voting no. SEN. GALLUS voted aye by proxy.

01:03:17 Sen. Squires

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5 P.M.

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sts76aad.pdf](#))